

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims: Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims with the following listing of claims.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of ~~video files~~ multimedia works for public access over the internet, comprising:

a central server accessible over a distributed communication backbone for storing a central library of multimedia ~~content~~ works that one or more users have submitted for public access distribution;

~~an a-network~~ administrator site for maintaining ~~said the central~~ library of multimedia ~~content~~ works stored at the central server, ~~said maintenance including wherein maintaining the central library of multimedia works includes~~ tagging each work of the multimedia works with an abstract ~~of information~~ and storing the tagged multimedia work with works and the associated abstract abstracts in ~~said the~~ central library;

a catalog of available multimedia works intermittently compiled from the abstracts ~~and stored on said in the central server library~~, wherein the catalog is maintained at the administrator site; and

a remote content review/control site that intermittently polls the catalog of available multimedia works maintained ~~on at the central server administrator site~~ to ascertain when new multimedia works have become available, ~~said the~~ remote content review/control site allowing a reviewing authority that operates the remote content review/control site reviewer to edit the abstract ~~of information~~ and view ~~each corresponding work~~ a real-time stream of each multimedia work in the catalog, wherein the reviewing authority must approve and to approve/disapprove each such multimedia work made available for public access[(:)] and whereby when a particular work is deemed suitable by the remote content review/control site[(:)] sends a publication approval message is sent to the network administrator site to indicate when the reviewing authority approves one or more of the multimedia works in the catalog for public access, thereby making indicating that the approved multimedia works work

~~should be made available by streaming for general public access~~ through the administrator site.

2. (Currently Amended) The system ~~for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of video files for public access over the internet according to claim 1, wherein said~~ central library of multimedia content works stored at the central server is maintained in an SQL database.

3. (Currently Amended) The system ~~for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of video files for public access over the internet according to claim 1, wherein said~~ central library of multimedia content works stored at the central server is maintained in a uniform digital video format.

4. (Currently Amended) The system ~~for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of video files for public access over the internet according to claim 1, wherein said~~ central library of multimedia content works stored at the central server is maintained in AVI digital format.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of ~~video files~~ multimedia works for public access over the internet, comprising the steps of:

providing a web portal at a central upload site that [(to)] independent video multimedia producers by which they can use to upload their video files to a central upload site multimedia works for public access distribution;

performing pre-processing on each of the multimedia works ~~video file~~ uploaded to said the central upload site, said wherein the pre-processing includes verifying one or more of including verification of a video file format, screening based on a file size, a file type, a file name, or a file extension for each of the multimedia works submitted for public access distribution ~~translation when necessary to a uniform pre-determined file format, tagging each~~

of the multimedia works file added to said database with an abstract of information, and storage of each pre-processed file storing the tagged multimedia works and the associated abstracts in a database of files multimedia works needing approval;

sending an administrative alert to an administrator for each multimedia work file added to the said database to an administrator of multimedia works needing approval;

maintaining a catalog of available multimedia works intermittently compiled from the abstracts stored at said central upload site of all new tagged files in said the database of multimedia works needing approval; and

intermittently polling the periodically canvassing said catalog of available multimedia works from a remote content review/control reviewing site to ascertain when new multimedia works have become available, and for each new tagged file in said database, reviewing the remote content review/control site allowing a reviewing authority that operates the remote content review/control site to edit the abstract and view a real-time stream of each multimedia work in the catalog, wherein content of the reviewing authority must approve each multimedia work made available for public access tagged file as desired and the remote content review/control site sends sending a publication approval or disapproval message back to the administrator at the central upload site to indicate when the reviewing authority approves one or more of the multimedia works in the catalog for public access, thereby making the approved multimedia works available for public access through the web portal at the central upload site.

6. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of video files for public access over the internet according to~~ of claim 5, wherein said step of storing each pre-processed file in a the database of files multimedia works needing approval further comprises storing each pre-processed file is maintained in an SQL database library of multimedia content at the central upload site.

7. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of video files for public access over the internet according to~~ of claim [[6]] 5,

wherein ~~said step of storing each pre-processed file in a~~ the database of files multimedia works needing approval ~~further comprises storing each pre-processed file~~ is maintained in a uniform digital video format.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The method for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of video files for public access over the internet according to~~ of claim [[7]] 5, wherein ~~said step of storing each pre-processed file in a~~ the database of files multimedia works needing approval ~~further comprises storing each pre-processed file~~ is maintained in AVI digital format.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of ~~video files~~ multimedia works for public access over the internet, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

uploading digital ~~video~~ multimedia works from one or more independent multimedia producers to a central upload site for public access distribution;

tagging each uploaded digital ~~video~~ multimedia work with an abstract ~~of information including any fields from among the group comprising subject matter that includes one or more of a media category, a media subject, a media date, a media runtime, a media author, and or a media rating;~~

storing ~~each~~ the tagged digital multimedia works and ~~the work with~~ associated ~~abstract~~ abstracts in a database of digital multimedia works needing approval on a web-enabled network server;

intermittently polling ~~periodically canvassing~~ the abstracts in the database of digital multimedia works needing approval to compile on said network server and compiling a catalog of available digital multimedia works at ~~said~~ the web-enabled network server; and

maintaining a remote content review/control site for reviewing and controlling availability of ~~said~~ the digital ~~video~~ multimedia works for public access, ~~said~~ the remote content review/control site ~~periodically~~ intermittently polling ~~said~~ the catalog of available digital multimedia works at the web-enabled network server to ascertain when new digital

~~multimedia works are have become~~ available, ~~and said the~~ remote content review/control site ~~having the ability~~ allowing a reviewing authority that operates the remote content review/control site to screen each ~~new~~ digital multimedia video work in the catalog by viewing the abstract and by content in a real-time by audio/video streaming stream of the screened digital multimedia work, ~~and to~~ wherein the reviewing authority must approve ~~approve/disapprove~~ each said digital multimedia work made available for public access viewing, whereby ~~the said~~ remote content review/control site serves operates as a gatekeeper to screen those ~~the digital multimedia works that are appropriate~~ to be made available for general public access.

10. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of video files for public access over the internet according to~~ of claim 9, further comprising ~~a step of~~ receiving one or more mailed video tapes in NTSC format from one or more independent multimedia producers ~~videos~~ and digitizing said ~~the~~ NTSC ~~videos~~ video tapes to create the ~~into~~ digital video multimedia works uploaded to the ~~at said~~ central upload site.

11. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for distributed maintenance and publishing control of a library of video files for public access over the internet according to~~ of claim 9, further comprising ~~the step of~~ providing streaming video public access to the real-time stream for all of the digital multimedia works ~~approved by said review/control site~~ made available for public access viewing.

12. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein each of the users that have submitted the multimedia works for public access distribution are required to either read and sign a waiver agreement or fill out an electronic equivalent of the waiver agreement.

13. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein maintaining the central library of multimedia content further includes verifying one or more of a file type, a file size, a file name, a file

extension, or a file format for each of the multimedia works submitted for public access distribution prior to the multimedia works being stored in the central library.

14. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the reviewing authority that operates the remote content review/control site includes a cable television company.

15. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein each of the abstracts associated with the tagged multimedia works includes one or more of a media category, a media subject, a media date, a media runtime, a media author, or a media rating.

16. (New) The system of claim 15, the remote content review/control site further allowing the reviewing authority to designate a new media category and subsequently assign one or more of the multimedia works in the catalog to the new media category.

17. (New) The system of claim 15, the remote content review/control site further allowing the reviewing authority to designate one or more of the multimedia works in the catalog to be showcased on web pages corresponding to the media category.

18. (New) The system of claim 1, the remote content review/control site further allowing the reviewing authority to designate one or more of the multimedia works in the catalog to be showcased on a homepage for the multimedia works approved for public access.